

# Press Release

## HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

### Department of Community Services



#### PUBLIC SAFETY

“Ensuring a Safe  
Harford”

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“Preparing Now,  
Building for the Future”

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“Governing Smarter”

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“Growing and Sustaining  
Harford’s Prosperity”

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“Protecting Our  
Environment”

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“Safeguarding What is  
Important to Harford  
County Citizens”

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### Community Services Partners with Agencies for Expo on Transitioning Youth

(Bel Air, MD) - - The Harford County Department of Community Services Commission on Disabilities is teaming up with several agencies to sponsor the 2014 Expo for Transitioning Youth. The Expo is a conference for teens and young adults facing the challenges and opportunities of transition to adulthood. The free event will be held on Saturday, March 15 from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Bel Air High School, 100 Heighe Street, in Bel Air.

The Commission on Disabilities has partnered with the Harford County Public Schools Department of Special Education, The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region, Abilities Network, the Division of Rehabilitation Services, The Office on Mental Health, The IMAGE Center, and Alliance Inc.

A sampling of the workshops at the conference includes: “The College Admission Process – Getting There from Here,” designed to help students and their parents navigate the college journey; “So You Want to Drive?” information on obtaining a driver’s license in Maryland when specific medical conditions are present; and “So You Want to Know About Dating,” a workshop about expanding boundaries and managing expectation. Along with these and other workshops on Benefits Counseling, Estate Planning, and Mastering Your Money After High School; young people, their families, educators and other professionals will have the opportunity to meet with representatives of vendors, agencies, organizations and support groups.

“This conference addresses the issues that face many young people as they transition to adulthood,” explained Helene Dubay, Chairperson of the Expo Planning Committee. “Regardless of their specific situations, lack of knowledge about resources, learning disabilities, visual impairment, and mobility issues, many young people have questions about how they’re going to achieve their goals. Our conference will help them to develop a plan for the future, using available community resources that they may not know exist.”

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Registration for the free conference is available on line at <http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/services/disabilities/index.cfm?ID=2638> . For more information, contact the Department of Community Services at 410-638-3389.

The Harford County Commission on Disabilities was established in 1995 to serve as the voice of the disabled community in Harford County. Members are appointed by the County Executive with the approval of the County Council.

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